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1. One of the hops growing centers of Yugoslavia is in the Zalec District, located in the Savinjska Valley of Slovenia. The Yugoslav Government, through its Cooperative of Hops Growers, is attempting to further centralize hops farming in that area by forcing individual small holders to join the Cooperative.
2. The latest effort to drive the small holders into the Cooperatives is the acquisition of all small holders' land adjoining the Cooperative Farms. The expropriated farmers receive in lieu of the property a corresponding quantity of farmland located in another place. Often the new property exchanged is of inferior quality to that which the small holder originally owned. No consideration is given to the farmer's convenience and the new plot may be far removed from the original.
3. The Cooperative is conducting this so-called "concentration program" with the support of the local authorities. The small holder is first offered an opportunity to sell his land at a low price. If he refuses, the land is appropriated and he is given a plot in exchange.
4. Because of the export demand for hops, all crops are subject to compulsory purchase by the State at a rate of about 120 dinars per kilogram.

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